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Serial No. 10/775,875 ) Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
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Title: GENE MARKERS USEFUL FOR DETECTING SKIN DAMAGE IN RESPONSE TO  
ULTRAVIOLET RADIATION

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant wishes to amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

On Page 1 of the Specification after the title, please add the following paragraph before the "Field of Invention" section:

**Statement Regarding Federally Sponsored Research**

The research described herein was funded in-part by National Institutes of Health (NIH), 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20892. Accordingly, the U.S. government may have certain rights in this invention.